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Comment Of The Day

Miss Ping On

FROM the Colony's earliest days when a Colonial Treasurer complained bitterly of the "fetid odours at night", cleanliness and hygiene—or rather the lack of them—have been a subject of sharp debate. It seems to make little difference whether our population is 3,000 or 3 million, campaigns to clean up the Colony have been pressed with vigour. And in 110 years we have made substantial progress, relatively speaking.

But the Miss Ping On campaign now being conducted in Kowloon reminds the Colony of a new source of peril which we acquired when the resettlement blocks went up. Into these residences went people largely ignorant of the elementary principles of hygiene and modern sanitation. Many had been used to hovels for years, and there is no incentive in an environment of this kind to acquire respectability or to learn the virtues of cleanliness and tidiness.

Novel Idea

NOW however thousands have more substantial dwellings which require of the tenants regular maintenance. The buildings are not architecturally attractive, nor does the laundry improve the appearance. Their grubby, untidy exterior reminds us of what to expect inside. And the dangers of carelessness and dirty habits must be apparent to all. This is not to say that the Resettlement Areas are either the dirtiest or the least attractive—some of the back street markets of Kowloon and Wanchai are far worse—but here is a good starting point.

The Urban Council are to be commended on their novel idea. The Health Education Committee might consider an exhibition or film on domestic hygiene which could travel among the resettlement blocks for the duration of the campaign. It would also be a good idea if the campaign were made an annual event.

Warns West Of Result Of Attempt To Break Berlin Blockade

K's BLUNT WAR THREAT

Answer To Tank And Troops Statement

Munich, Dec. 12.
The Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, indicated today that any Western attempt to crack an eventual blockade of Berlin by force would result in war.

Western Powers Not Disturbed

Washington, Dec. 11.
The United States warned flatly tonight that it would not be deterred by new Soviet threats from defending its rights in Berlin.

The State Department issued a formal statement in reply to new threats contained in an official statement issued by the Russian news agency, Tass.

In London, authoritative British circles said that tonight's Tass agency statement on Berlin constitutes a Soviet attempt to influence the forthcoming Allied talks in Paris on the problems of Berlin and Germany.

DISSENSION

The circles said it was not the first time the USSR has tried to create dissension among the Western Allies on the eve of an important conference. The statement contained nothing new and had to be considered as a cold war diplomatic manoeuvre aimed at maintaining tension, they said.

Tass's statement caused little surprise in Bonn usually well informed sources said.

A new Soviet move had been expected before the beginning of the Paris conferences these sources said.—All Agencies.

Colonel Killed

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 11.
Lt. Col. Alston L. Brown (37) Commander of the 50th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force base, was killed today when his parachute failed to open after he ejected himself from his F-104 jet fighter.—U.P.I.

In a telegraphic interview with the Munich Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Mr Khrushchev charged that the West could have only one motive in maintaining military forces in West Berlin—to prepare a hot war.

"Many hotheads in the Western military permit themselves such irresponsible statements as that they could break through to Berlin with troops and tanks," Mr Khrushchev said.

Cold War

"But is it not evident that this would mean war, because the other side, too, has tanks and other more powerful weapons which would not be kept idle?" Mr Khrushchev said the Western Powers, if they chose to continue the "occupation" of West Berlin, would be "supporting and even extending the cold war."

"The maintenance of such a regime can only be explained by the desire of the Western powers to prepare a hot war," he added.

He said the Soviet proposals to "break West Berlin" and demolish the free city were the only basis for a solution of the Berlin problem.

No Basis

"If the Western powers reject the status of a free city for West Berlin, no basis is left for negotiations with the Western Powers on the Berlin question," he added.

"We declare once more that we do not need Western agreement to materialise our Berlin plans," Mr Khrushchev also warned: "If the River Elbe border (between East and West Germany) is violated and an aggression launched against the (east) German Democratic Republic, the Soviet Union, as a faithful Warsaw Pact ally of the German Democratic Republic, will fulfil her obligations and, together with the German Democratic Republic, defend the inviolability of land, sea and air frontiers."

The official Soviet News Agency Tass had earlier stated in chilling bluntness that Soviet troops are not in East Germany to show the West the road to Berlin.—U.P.I.

Considerable Threat

London, Dec. 11.
The British Government made it clear tonight that its restriction on the sale of British warships to Indonesia had been because of "a considerable threat" to West New Guinea.

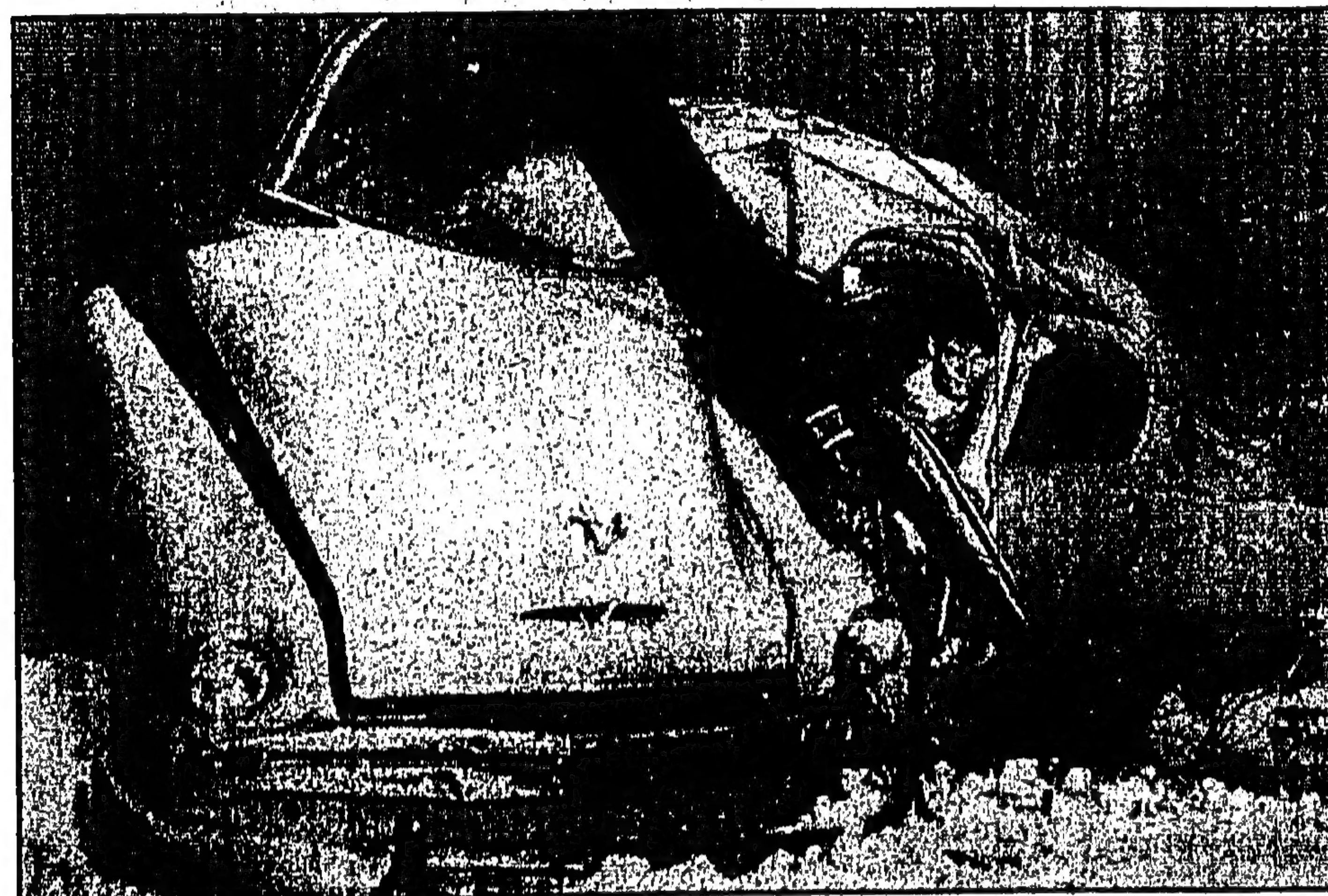
Mr John Profumo, Foreign Under-Secretary, made this point when replying in the House of Commons to criticisms by Mr James Callaghan (Labour) that Britain had turned down orders worth about £60 million.—Reuters.

Defence Cut

Washington, Dec. 11.
The Washington Evening Star reported today that President Eisenhower had called for a cut in United States defence spending for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.—Reuters.

Plan Unacceptable

Athens, Dec. 11.
Mr Macmillan's partnership plan for Cyprus cannot be accepted as a basis of discussion for the settlement of the island's future, Mr Evangelos Averoff, the Greek Foreign Minister, said tonight.—Reuters.



The Luckiest Man In Town

Called by the local police "the luckiest man in town," Claude Gordiner, 18, of Great Barrington, Mass., smiles while he waits to have his foot freed from his demolished car after a solid tie-it-around-a-utility pole. He complained only of back pains. It took rescue workers 45 minutes to free him.—U.P.I. Telephoto.

HK SHIP ON FIRE IN ALGIERS

Algiers, Dec. 11.
The 12,280-ton British freighter East Breeze, owned by the China Shipping Company Ltd, of Hongkong entered the port of Algiers tonight with a fire in her after hold.

The ship tied up to a dock and firemen were trying to put out the smouldering blaze, which had been discovered in a load of cotton, part of the East Breeze's mixed cargo.

The ship was en route from the East to Britain. The fire was first discovered ten days ago, and the East Breeze had stopped at Athens and at Malta to control it by injecting carbon dioxide into the hold, using its own apparatus, which is installed in all modern vessels. The ship was launched in 1957. The fire was caused by the commander of the fire services and the captain of the port, all of whom were alerted to the fire. It was believed that several days might be required to put out the fire.—France-Press.

The Managing Agents in Hongkong, Messrs Navigation Company, said they had received no information from the ship yet.

Family Killed

Ironton, Ohio, Dec. 11.
Six members of a family burned to death today when an oil cook stove apparently exploded in their small three-room home near here.—U.P.I.

GOVT "NO" TO LIMIT ON FOOTBALL POOL MONEY

London, Dec. 11.
A LABOUR M.P., Mr A. Marcus Lipton, failed today to get the British Government to limit the amount that can be won on football pools.

Mr Lipton urged this in the House of Commons because of the "undesirable social consequences" caused by the large sums won at the cost of a few pence for correctly forecasting the results of Saturday professional football matches.

The record is about £300,000. Mr E. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, told Mr Lipton that legislation would be needed to impose a compulsory limit and he could not hold out any hope of its being introduced at the present time.

Promoted further, he said it was a matter of individual opinion what the social consequences were following upon the giving of such large prizes.—Reuters.

RAF Clubs To Close Down

London, Dec. 11.
The Air Ministry is to start closing the Royal Air Force's Malcolm Clubs which provide welfare services, the Secretary for Air, Mr George Ward, announced last night.

There are 11 clubs in Germany, one in both Hongkong and Singapore and one in Britain.

(A RAF spokesman in Hongkong said that they had no comment to make at present on the forthcoming closure.)

Mr Ward told the House of Commons that the clubs had been in debt to the Air Ministry for some years in spite of a subsidy.

He understood that the clubs had been seeking financial help from outside sources. But he had not been informed of any success in this direction.—Reuters.

Policeman Didn't Realise It Was Murder

London, Dec. 11.
A Yorkshire policeman who saw three Indians kill another Indian with a meat chopper, did not suspect it was murder and went on his way. It was said at the Leeds Assizes today.

Guardev Singh, 28, builder's labourer and his wife, Harbajan Kaur, 23, and the dead man's widow, Mehinder Kaur, 23, all of Bradford, have pleaded not guilty to the murder of Banta (Charlie) Singh, a 50-year-old Sikh, in Bradford.

PC Albert Edward Peglar said that from a passage on the opposite side of the street he saw two women and two men fighting in a room in a house in Bowdick Street.

"Occurrences of this nature are fairly frequent in this area and there was insufficient action and the demeanour of the people in the room was not such as to warrant my going in at the time," the officer added.

He learned of the murder the next evening and remembered the incident.—France-Press.

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Freak Rail Accident Kills One

London, Dec. 11.
One man was killed and 41 injured, six seriously, in a freak rail crash tonight in Urmston, Lancashire.

A train ran into a large bucket which had fallen from a road crane operating on a new bridge being built across the line.

The engine of the train was overturned and five coaches were derailed.

Then according to a British Railways statement, a second train crashed into the wreckage.—Reuters.

50 Stranded For 24 Hours In Ice-Bound Bus

London, Dec. 11.
Most of the 50 bus passengers stranded for 24 hours when the four buses in which they were travelling became snow-bound outside Glasgow were rescued today.

The road is still thick with ice and snow and a few passengers are still trapped.

The four buses were stranded last night after one of them skidded on the ice and stuck across the road.

Snow, rain and fog swirled across Britain today to confirm that the weather of 1958 will go down among the most fantastic periods in the nation's history.

After snow in April, the wettest summer for years and a month of fog, this was the picture in Britain today.

Thousands of miles of roads were frozen, snow-covered or foggy—or all three. Only Southern England and Britain's Western seaboard were free from the icy blast.—France-Press and U.P.I.

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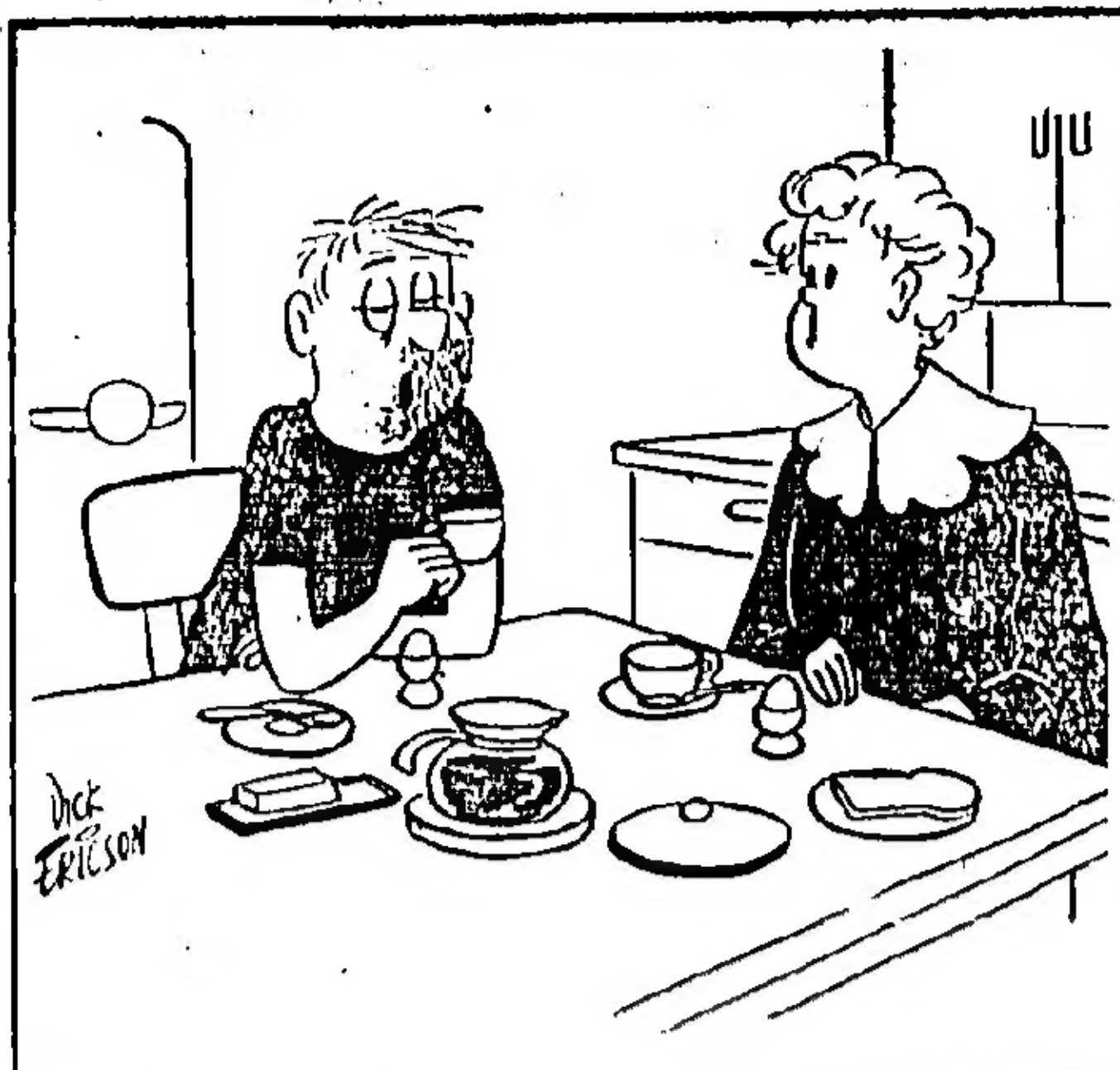
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Archangel Shines In 'Tobias' First Night

by JOHN LUFF

"TOBIAS and the Angel," is another well produced play in search of an audience. As one who has visited every opening night for the past eight years, never can I recall such scanty attendances as we have seen of late.

If "Tobias and the Angel," is not everyone's play, I do not know what is.

There is no difficult moral problem to work out; there is no argument; what you have is a journey into splendour by travellers who have simplicity and a Guide who fears not to tread where Angels tread, for unknown until the moment of revelation, He is the Archangel Raphael.

The story itself is simple and straightforward. A Hebrew tale of the dispersion and Yahweh who will never desert Israel, Bridie brought all his considerable gifts to this richly dramatised version of the tale, so that ever since its first performance, it has a firm place in the repertory theatre.

Act 1; and the curtain rises on a fine original set, the outline austere, time, place, and circumstance set by the misty distant view of the towers of Nineveh.

At once it was possible to judge that as Tobit, Dennis Duncanson is well cast. The simple, improvident, blind old saint, launched the play in theme and purpose; but he has yet to learn that charity begins at home. Careful producing marked Michel Meredith. We had Tobias, the mother's boy, a callow youth, afraid of his own shadow.

Margaret Higgins as Anna, appeared to me to have survived the hardship of the past years and the humiliation of scrubbing out Nineveh offices, extremely well.

Finest Hour

The whole is interrupted, and the moment of change is dramatically evident to the audience. If not the actors, when Raphael appears as a porter.

Geoffrey Lupton certainly reached his finest histrionic hour with this bit of casting. Tall, with that mischievous dignity Bridie gives the part, I enjoyed every moment he was on the stage; which, incidentally, was almost every moment.

The play now demands that Tobias and Raphael go on a journey, in search of manhood and fortune.

The producer, Gerald Moore, certainly got hold of Bridie's love of fun and pantomime here. The ancient text has it that the Lord sent a great fish to try Tobias. A lovely bit of play.

Fortunately, the producer cut much of the second scene. I fear had he not, this critique would have appeared tomorrow. Here we find the voluptuous Sara in a pantomime designed to attract the unfledged Tobias.

Song Too Long

I think much of this could be profitably cut. The Jackal song is too long. The play with the ball is enough. It interrupts the drama, adds nothing to it, and denotes no significant point.

Noel de Guingand makes a fine entry, and aware that he is in a large hall, raises his voice, and commands attention. So matter of fact is he in the presence of angels and demons, he brings a rich arch humour, and places the play back in mood.

Another good bit of business is the interruption on the way by the highjacking Kurdish Bandit, Rei Oblitas. This is one of the trials of Tobias, and to see Oblitas gradually deflate before the Angel-inspired Tobias, is one of the incidents of the evening.

It was in this act that I felt the missing element so essential to the play. The atmosphere was not right. The awakening of Tobias to manhood is through the physical charms of Marie Bartlett as Sara.

Your Impudence

Now Tobias is drawn in line with the young Joseph; the beautiful Benjamin; the shepherd David; the defiant Abaelom. Lines are not sufficient, there is necessary an overpowering physical abandonment that sweeps every other consideration away.

Sara is Eve, Ishid, Dollah, who has been brought to bed by seven devils, but a bit bored with the whole business. Nothing will do for her but the Archangel, she sees as a man.

"His reply," "Sara, you have the mind of a child and the instincts of an animal" . . . finishing. "Your only admirable feature is the magnificent impudence that impels you to make sheep's eyes at an Archangel six thousand years your senior."

That was done well. Lupton was more than a match for this voluptuous Sara. But Michel Meredith was not. The play calls for an actor to portray callowness, but I think young Meredith was too young to interpret Tobias. Neither the Apocrypha nor Bridie mince matters.

The third act returns you to the original set and theme.



This charming shot was taken by our cameraman this morning when Irian Derjavina and Anisia Malahova (left) presented a cheque for \$1,400 to Man Yiu-ming of the 'Boys and Girls' Club. The gift was from the Russian refugees of Hongkong to the Chinese refugees.—China Mail Photo.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES COLLECT \$1,400 FOR CHINESE REFUGEES

A cheque of \$1,400, the proceeds of a charity concert, organised and given by the Russian refugees in aid of Chinese refugee children at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, on November 22, was presented to the Boys and Girls Clubs Association this morning.

Two Russian girls, who took part in the Concert on November 22, were the representatives of the Russian refugees.

They were Miss Irian Derjavina, 10, and Miss Anisia Malahova, 11.

They were accompanied by Mrs Anna Derjavina, Director of the choir of the Russian

Charity Concert, and Fr Henry George Aerts, of Wah Yan College.

On behalf of the Boys and Girls Association, 10-year-old Man Yiu-ming received the cheque. In turn, the girls were given a baby doll and a girl's dress presented by little Miss Teng Kik-ching and Miss Lam Mei-yuet of the Boys and Girls Association.

The Rev. Fr. J. Howatson, St. Chairman of the Boys and Girls Association, presented a note to Mrs Anna Derjavina. Mr K. Summers, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Hongkong, and Mrs S. C. Chan, organising secretary, were also present.

At the library after the presentation, Miss Irian Derjavina and Miss Anisia Malahova, entertained the boys and girls with a Russian dance.

Sharp Curves To Be Removed

Today's Government Gazette calls for tenders for the reconstruction of a portion of Deep Water Bay Road beginning from its junction with Island Road.

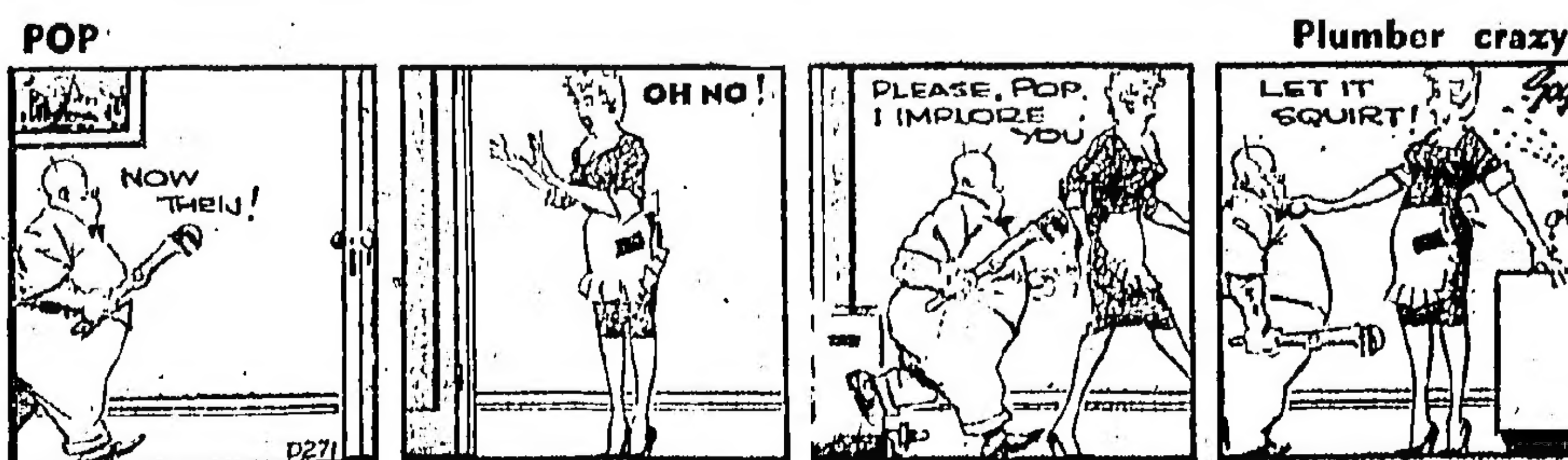
The length of road to be realigned and reconstructed with macadam surfacing is about 1,100 feet. The roadway will have a width of 16 feet.

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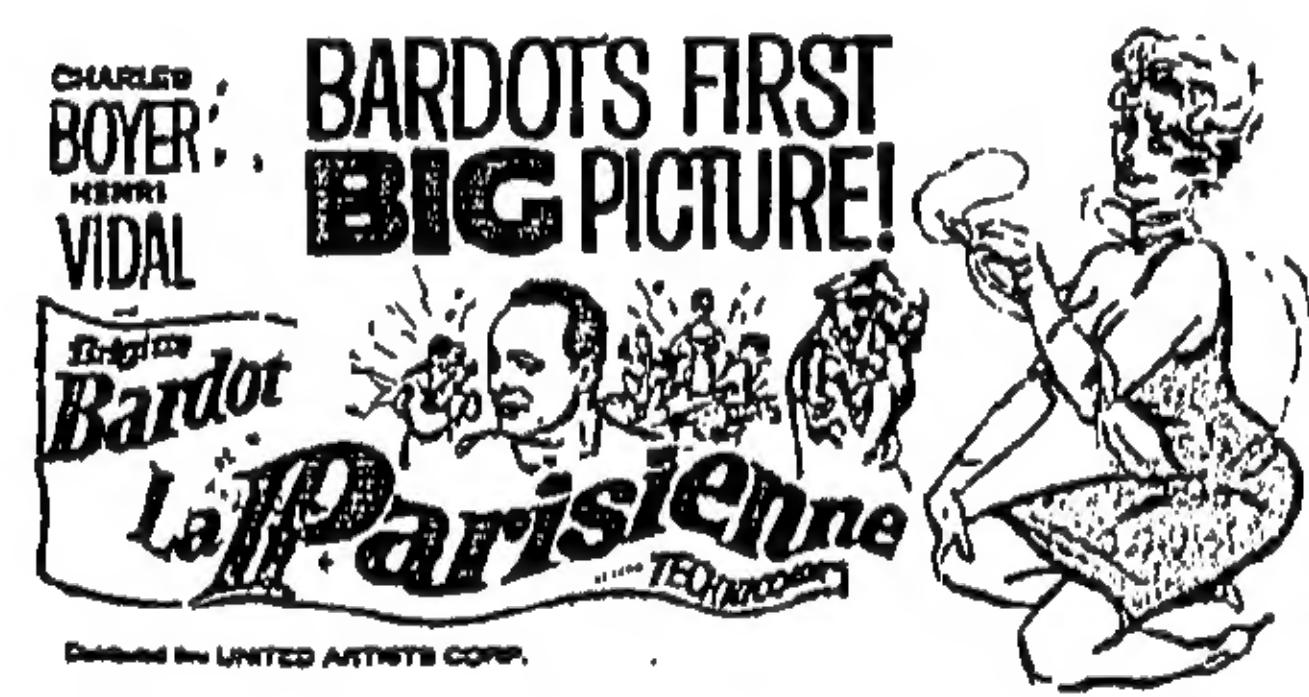
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Chief Of International Textile Organisation Says— HONGKONG CLOTH NOW WORLD PROBLEM

Manchester, Dec. 11.

The question of growing textile exports by India, Pakistan and Hongkong had become an international problem, a top textile authority said tonight.

He is Dr W. T. Croese, new president of the 17-nation International Federation of Cotton and Allied Textile Industries.

Dr Croese was discussing the negotiations aimed at reaching a voluntary ceiling of Commonwealth textiles shipped to the U.K.

The problem did not affect only the Lancashire cotton industry, Dr Croese said.

Cotton industrialists on the Continent follow closely the efforts made to find a permanent solution to this problem because they are themselves directly interested in it, he said.

Dr Croese said it was not sufficiently realised that the problem went far beyond the cotton industry and had much wider implications.

For most of the 20 years, particularly in the case of the textile industry, the situation in Hong Kong has been one of a "no man's land" between the two sides, he said.

At a time in London recently, well-informed sources said the cotton industry was believed to have discussed with the Prime Minister the views of the cotton industry in the Hong Kong context.

There was no finality in the United Kingdom-Hong Kong negotiations so far, though hopes of an agreement continued.

"HK Workers Will Starve"

Manchester, Dec. 11.

Politicians who are campaigning for cuts in cotton goods imports are displaying "national selfishness," according to a Church of England minister in the heart of the Lancashire cotton area.

The Rev. Brian Brownless, Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, Burnley, writes in his Parish magazine: "We have heard a lot about the 'national selfishness' of cotton goods from Hong Kong when our own cotton workers are on their knees."

"But, on the other hand, Hong Kong is in the British Commonwealth and the living conditions of its workers even when in full employment, will be better than ours."

"The Hong Kong worker needs his British market and will starve if it is taken away from him," Rev. Brownless said.

Squabbles Postponed As Afro-Asian Conference Ends

Cairo, Dec. 11.

Delegates at the Afro-Asian Conference postponed their squabbles today and rushed through a series of unanimous resolutions to end the four-day meeting.

A fight to bar Russia and to admit Nationalist China and South Korea will continue in committees until it is decided by the new economic conference next year.

No Fresh Trial For Jacqueline

London, Dec. 11.

Miss Jacqueline Gray, 49-year-old former photographer, model, was today refused a new trial on her claim for the return of jewellery from her ex-lover, Sir Straid Ralli, 82-year-old baronet.

The Court of Appeal rejecting her petition gave judgment with costs for the baronet, a former London merchant banker.

Miss Gray then told the court she would apply for leave to take her suit before the House of Lords, highest tribunal in the land.

She claimed that the baronet had made various gifts of jewellery to her worth £12,000 sterling and had then taken them to be insured but had never returned them.

The baronet denied Miss Gray's allegations.—China Mail Special.

Philippine delegate Martin Tinto was not allowed to present a resolution from the floor in the final plenary session during the invitation of Nationalist China and South Korea.

But he said Conference President Mohamed Roshid personally assured him they would be invited next year.

Tinto said if they weren't, the Philippines would stay home.

The incident touched off a public argument in the council chamber after the session between Philippine delegate Armando Isip and Conference Secretary General Burham Dajan.

But generally the conference ended in surface harmony.

Economic Pact

The main resolution recommended establishment of a permanent "Afro-Asian organisation for economic co-operation" with provisional headquarters at Cairo.

The Consultative Committee composed of Chamber of Commerce delegates from 11 nations will draft charter rules and decide membership.

The whole thing must be approved by the conference next year.

The fight over admissions will come in the committee.

Resolution

Five resolutions in all were approved. They included:

- Proposals for extension of trade agreements among Afro-Asian countries on a preferential basis.

- Formation of producers' associations for cotton, rubber, tea and other raw materials to prevent "harmful competition" and to be a Soviet idea.

- Establishment of a fund for economic development and encouragement of capital investment.

- A recommendation that more advanced Afro-Asian countries help others economically.

- Preferential treatment of Afro-Asian ships and formation of transport companies.

- Extension of bilateral payments, agreements, and a study of the question of settlement.

- A final resolution that urged a study to see whether existing governmental organisations were sufficient to promote Afro-Asian Economic co-operation and, if not, formation of an additional new organisation of governments.—U.P.I.

British Pacifists Storm Thor Missile Base



Gathered around a huge cement mixer (above), British pacifists are doused with water from a hose after they invaded a U.S. air base near Swaffham, England, on December 6.

The pacifists interrupted the construction of a supposedly secret Thor missile project.

Members of a group called the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War, they had given notice of their intention to block work on the project.

At right policemen forcibly remove one demonstrator. Several others were dragged from the site and the rest eventually retreated.

Not Beaten

But the hardy pacifists were not beaten.

After keeping themselves warm at night in nearby shelters with fires and hot soup they returned to the site.

Early in the morning they passed the barbed wire into the base and again stationed themselves by the concrete mixer.

This time they were removed from the site by Royal Air Force security police.—UPI Telephoto.



Battle Of Applause In U.N. Assembly

United Nations, Dec. 11.

A battle of applause varied the usually quiet procedure of the United Nations General Assembly today as American delegate Henry Cabot Lodge opened the debate on the Hungarian question with a bitter attack against Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

After Mr Lodge had been loudly applauded, he was answered by Dr. Janos Pter, delegate of Hungary, whose speech was applauded by the Soviet bloc.

The debate was on a report of the Special Committee on Hungary, presented by Dr. Ronald Walker of Australia, who said the United Nations could never forget or abandon the Hungarian people.

Mr Lodge then charged that Mr. Khrushchev, "the highest authority of world Communism, came to Hungary two months ago in advance to prepare public opinion for the killing of Imre Nagy."

"Lash No Deterrent"

London, Dec. 11.

Mr R. A. Butler, the British Home Secretary, said today that when he had more time he would do his best to satisfy the "quite reasonable apprehensions" of M.P.s about crimes of violence in Britain.

Earlier, Mr Gyril Osborne (Conservative) had said there was public disquiet over recent bank robberies, wage cut-throats and attacks on defenceless women.

Mr Butler replied: "Evidence does not support the view that when flooring was available for certain crimes—and it did not include all crimes of violence—it had the specially effective influence as a deterrent now frequently attributed to it."

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BULLY BEEF (Not Plum Pudding) IN WORLD'S OLDEST CAN

Leatherhead, Dec. 11.

A band of hardy scientists got a bully surprise when they opened up the world's oldest can of preserved food today.

Instead of Christmas plum pudding, as expected, the can contained bully beef.

The scientists chafed over the 125-year-old can—which survived a shipwreck and two Arctic explorations—with the idea of having a historic meal of plum pudding.

What they found, however, was a hoary, foul-smelling slab of beef which nobody cared to sample.

The complete dinner was composed of four cans of preserved food, including the 1823 item which was to have been part of the desert.

The other cans—all of which turned out all right and actually tasted rather good—contained a plum pudding 58 years old; a can of roast mutton dating from 1849 and a can of chocolate that was sealed in 1810.

Scientists went after it with chisels and old-fashioned can openers inside a sterile glass case.

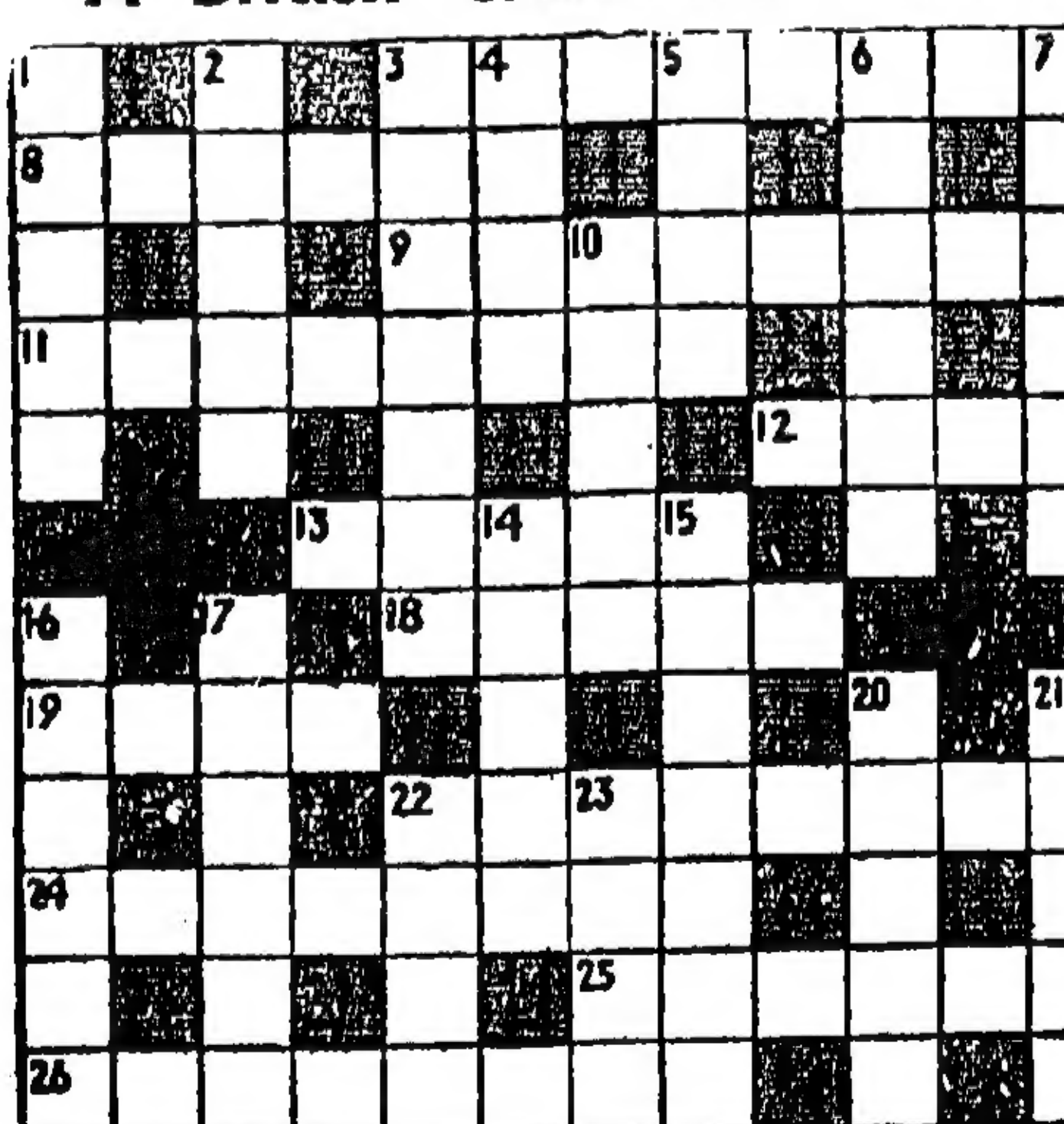
When the pudding turned out to be bully beef, Miss Jean McNeel Caird, donor of the tin, exclaimed: "Oh, horrid, I used it as a doorstep for years. I'm terribly disappointed, but it's meat."

Four generations of Ross family had saved the can until today. It was presumed that the identity of the can's contents had been mistaken somewhere along the line during travels between the steaming Brazilian jungles and the cold Arctic.

The date 1823 was still legible, but there were no other identity marks.

According to its history, the can was put ashore on the ice after Parry's ship was wrecked and abandoned, and remaining there for four years.—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Really contrary (3).
 - Useless (2, 4).
 - Beautifully executed (4, 4).
 - Illustrious (3).
 - Vale (4).
 - Fighting at (5).
 - Dawn (6).
 - A Kennington shape (4).
 - "Just a song at twilight" (8).
 - Think about it (8).
 - Potter (6).
 - The boy who went to war (6).
- DOWN**
- Dog noise (5).
 - Extreme suffering (5).
 - Palavers (7).
 - Ex-premier's paradise (4).
 - African territory (4).
 - Well-established objection, maybe (6).
 - Possible result of putting one and one together (6).
 - Frilly reply (6).
 - K.O. (3).
 - Think of a number! (7).
 - Short sergeant, perhaps (5).
 - One of the big game? (6).
 - To discourage is mainly relative (5).
 - Famous diarist (5).
 - Sediment (4).
 - Red-letter counsel (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Elongate, 7 Index, 8 Calabash, 10 Potter, 13 Smiling, 15 Lave, 17 Be-late-d, 18 So-a-tile, 20 Odds, 21 Elegant, 26 Erendon, 27 Solitude, 28 Capet, 29 District. Down: 1 Limp, 2 Odium, 3 Excel, 4 Nonch, 5 Arrang, 6 Echoed, 9 Arable, 11 Oiled, 12 Tins, 14 Rooted, 15 Arrang, 16 Verno, 18 So-used, 19 Adults, 22 Erect, 23 Adept, 24 Tarsa, 25 Star.

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A FUNNY LITTLE THING, THIS GIRL JOAN

By ROBERT ROBINSON

London.
JOAN COLLINS swept out of her father's house, and seemed to glisten all over, like a wet seal.

"How long have you had this fog. And why?"

She spoke accusingly, for she took it personally. I mumbled an inadequate apology, and she fluttered her eyelashes.

They were so long that, had I been wearing a hat, it would infallibly have been knocked off.

She forgave me the fog, and we climbed into the car.

"And so," said I, as we set off for London Airport (she was flying to Manchester), "you are thinking of becoming an American citizen?"

Her great eyes shone like doorknobs as she rolled them in my direction and said: "You can think about things, can't you? I've often thought about killing people, but I've never actually done it."

The witty logic of this paralyzed me for an instant, but I could sense a rebuke.

"What attracts me about America? Well, the weather. And the life—it's so relaxed. And I work there too. I couldn't live here and work there—could I?"

Again the devastating logic, the ice-cold mind behind the hair-do.

"And over there one has one's car," she said, scattering italics like a lady novelist, "and one can always park it. It's all so much easier."

FAMILY

These were indeed potent reasons for a change of citizenship, and I nodded gravely.

"Of course, I miss my family. And I miss the Royal Family, too. I cannot associate myself with President Eisenhower in quite the same way. I cannot feel I have a share in the President, as I feel I have a share in them."

"But against this one has to set the awful weather, and the weather does depress one."

One felt one understood.

"You see, they only make pictures about policemen and vicars over here. We haven't had a big woman star since Jean Simmons. Susan Shaw, Joan Rice—whatever happened to them? So I think it is better to stay in America."

Something had been coming near and going away again, like sound blown on the wind. It was Miss Collins' American accent. Sometimes it was with us, and sometimes it was not.

MONEY

"You can't just go out to the States and expect everything to fall into your lap from the benevolent hands of Spyros P. Skouras."

"What you've got to do is get them to pay you a lot, spend money on you, they spend money on you, they're apt to want to get their investment back. So they build you up and give you pictures."

"If they aren't paying you much, they don't bother."

I asked, respectfully, about success.

"Success is relative. I thought I was successful when I was coming \$2,000 a week back in 1950. But success," said Miss Collins in classic pool-winner style, "doesn't make any difference."

"I love working, but most of the films I have done I haven't liked. What haven't I liked about them? Well, I haven't liked the scripts, the parts or the directors. Did I tell them I didn't like them? Dear me, no, there's much a thing as tact."

Rebuked again I retrieved my courage up and asked Miss Collins if she enjoyed the recognition generally accorded film stars.

"Recognition!" she exclaimed, recalling like an anti-aircraft gun, "I loathe recognition. I'm sure nobody likes being looked at. I just like to go around in comfort. I dare say there are thousands of people who do recognise me. But I like it when they don't show it."

We swept out of the car at London Airport. The official Greeter (there's a contemporary word for you) stopped forward and greeted Miss Collins (there was a kind of amorphous gladness spread by this anonymous personage. Who was the being glad for, on whose behalf, and why?).

Miss Collins swept forward, gleaming like ebony, and disappeared from view.

Her mother gazed fondly after her. "She is a funny little thing," she said.



"I'm working to my own rules, brother—no more 'oola' 'oops' upstairs or down."

'Hopeless ones' in a suicide black-spot baffle the doctors

The Girl Who Lives On A Razor's Edge

By ERIC SEWELL

SHE was as witty, as charming, as intelligent a girl as you could meet at any cocktail party.

Her friendliness attracted the women as much as her sophisticated gaiety captivated the men. As she circulated, glass in hand, starry-eyed and smiling, she looked the happiest girl alive. Yet she was perched perilously on the razor's edge of suicide.

Already she has made six attempts to kill herself. Six times the hospital doctors have fought to keep life in her body, and later to force into her mind the will to live.

But her own doctor told me: "There's little hope for her. One of these days we'll be too late, and all I will be able to do for her is write her death certificate."

She is one of the "living-dead" cases in Hampstead, the district with the highest suicide rate in Britain. Twice as many as the national average. Last week-end alone there were three within three days.

WHY? What is there about Hampstead—or the people who live there—that results in so many overdoses of tablets, gasings, drownings, hangings?

Why should so many young men and women, seemingly on the threshold of their lives, act suddenly on the impulse that leads to oblivion?

These are the questions I went to Hampstead to try to answer—questions sparked off by four reports from there:

(1) Girl, aged 34, with a £5-a-week flat. Good-looking, intelligent, hard-working, interested in politics, popular with friends and colleagues. Her ambition was to be a successful writer. She was found gassed after publishers rejected her manuscripts. She took her own life.

(2) Man, aged 42. Found dead in his flat. Overdose of tablets. He took his own life.

(3) Man, aged 23, unmarried, lived alone. Found gassed. He took his own life.

(4) Woman, aged 40, living in one-roomed lodgings. Found gassed. She took her own life.

Many Aliens

There is an average of one suicide every ten days in Hampstead, and two attempted suicides each week. This means that, in the borough six times as many people commit suicide as are killed in road accidents.

Outside Hampstead, this phenomenon is shrugged off glibly: "Oh—Hampstead. Well, what can you expect in a place with such an arty-crafty colony? These duffle-coated boarded types—painters, writers, musicians—are all a bit unbalanced. They must be, or they wouldn't dress like they do."

Or: "Hampstead? Ah, yes—but Hampstead has a huge alien population. They're all refugees from Hitler, or Stalin, or concentration camps and things. No wonder they go a bit round the bend with that sort of background."

Nine Typists

Or "Hampstead? Isn't that where all the wealthy industrial tycoons live? So what can you expect? Men who work at that pressure must have a breaking point. Mustn't they?"

Hampstead has a very wealthy income group. It has an artists' colony second only to Chelsea. It has probably the highest alien population in Britain. And all these have their own peculiar stresses in their way of life.

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Depressed

After talking to all these people vitally concerned with the problem, it seemed that the reason for so many suicides could only be found by examining individual cases.

What, for instance, lay under the vivacious exterior of the girl I mentioned at the start?

"She is an educated, personable young woman," her doctor told me. "But if her story was made into a film—an X-film, of course—people would decry it as unbelievable."

An extreme case. But many outwardly normal people have complicated emotional backgrounds. Hers goes a long way to explaining repeated attempts at suicide. But there are men and women suicides, with similar problem backgrounds, all over the country. Why should there be more of them in Hampstead?

Two doctors, currently tabulating suicide case histories in Hampstead, believe that most of those who kill themselves are depressives, and one of the doctors, police surgeon Philip Hopkins—a Hampstead G.P.—told me:

"It isn't so much that people living in single rooms become depressed, as that depressed people seek to withdraw from society by living in single rooms."

Now Hampstead's room set-up becomes a vital factor.

Firstly: It is a natural choice for thousands of restless men and women who leave their provincial homes to battle for existence in London. Often their restlessness has an emotional background.

Said Hampstead's Medical Officer of Health frankly: "All the accepted theories don't fit the facts in Hampstead. Loneliness isn't the answer. There are more opportunities to make friends socially in Hampstead than any other area of London."

Secondly: It offers suitable shelter to middle-aged men and women emerging from the wreckage of broken marriages to start life all over again—alone.

Thirdly: It is an ideal retreat for the depressive.

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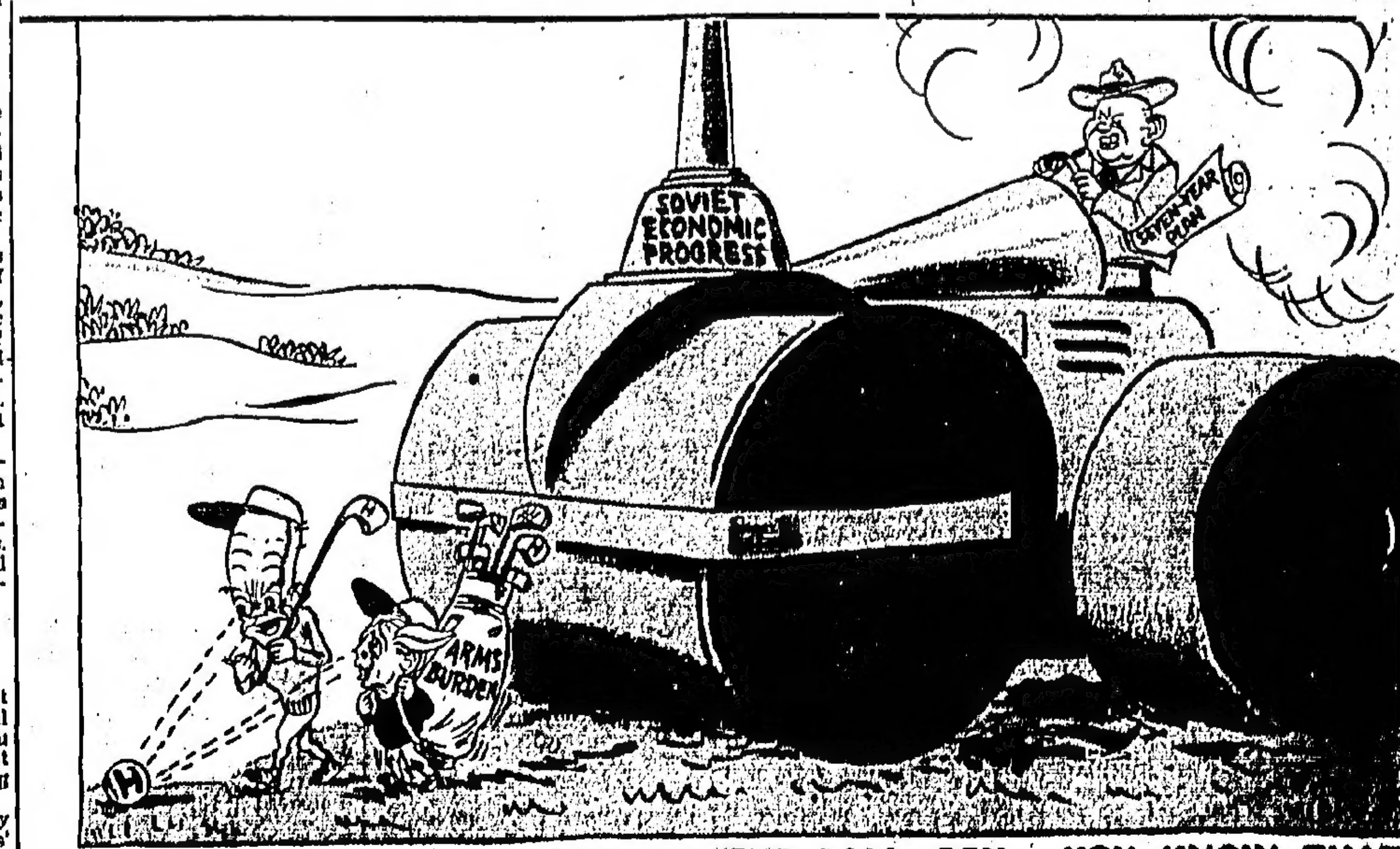
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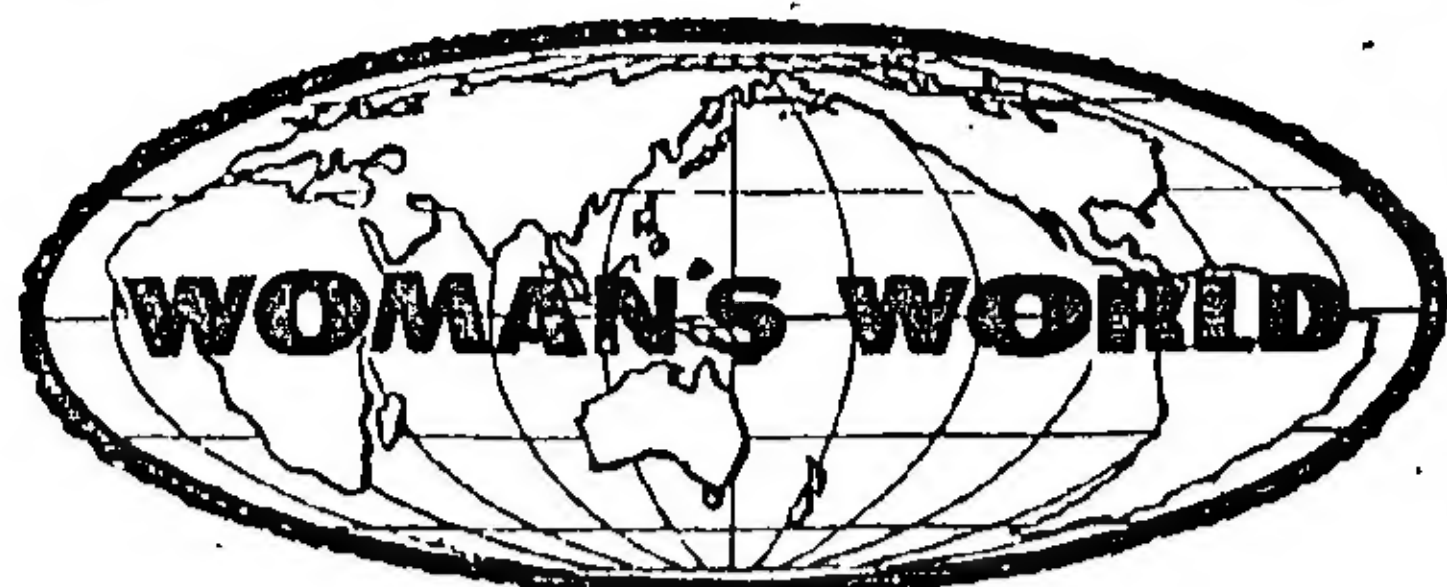
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Bernice Weller, a former schoolteacher, is the third leading woman casting director in New York.

(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE sudden death of George Jacoby of Dallas came as a shock to his many friends all over the country. George was perhaps the finest diamond player of all time and today's hand played in a rubber bridge game some years ago was one of his very best.

If West had opened a diamond there would be no story but West opened the device of hearts. George won with the king and discarded a diamond on the ace. He ruffed a third heart and led the king of trumps. East won the trick and played the ace and another diamond which George ruffed high.

Now George played a big

NORTH 31		EAST	
♠ 864		♠ A	
♥ AK 103		♥ Q 764	
♦ 95		♦ AQ 88	
♣ A 962		♣ J 8	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 52		♠ K Q J 10 9 7 3	
♥ 8		♥ 5	
♦ K J 10 7		♦ 43	
♣ K 10 7 3		♣ Q 5 4	
East and West vulnerable		East South West North	
1♥ 4♣ Double Pass		Pass Pass	
Opening lead: ♥ 2			

spade to dummy's eight and ruffed the last heart.

His next play was a hum-dinger. West covered with the king and East dropped the jack in desperation. If he had held the jack he would have been thrown in with it and a discard. As it was, George returned the ace and East was left with a trump and West could duck or play the ten, but the hand was home.

Why did George make that unusual club play? Easy for George. West had doubled and had shown up with the king of diamonds only. Surely he needed another king for that double

A RUSH TO GREET "DONG SI LAI" ON THE TOP OF BLOCK 'N'

AS a party of visitors to the Shek Kip Mei resettlement area, we climbed the last flight of stone steps in 'N' Block, passed through a school room and stepped out onto the brilliantly sunlit rooftop.

Suddenly the thunder of running feet broke the peace as twenty or thirty Chinese youngsters rushed forward and converged upon a smiling, grey-haired

lady. "Dong Si Lai!" they shouted in recognition of their old friend. Eagerly they crowded round her with bright, happy uplifted faces, each trying to hold her hand and work their way to the inner circle.

35 Years

Such was the spontaneous welcome bestowed upon Mrs. G. Donnithorne, wife of the Rev. V. H. Donnithorne, director of the West China Evangelical Band.

This charming and attractive woman, who has well over 35 years of missionary work to her credit, is an almost daily visitor to Shek Kip Mei where her Mission operates two schools, a Sun-

day school and a Vocational Training Centre.

Mrs. Donnithorne introduced us to a charming young school teacher who lined up two rows of seven and eight years olds to entertain us with songs.

"I can't begin to tell you," said Mrs. Donnithorne, "what tremendous work these Chinese teachers are doing for us. Without them we simply could not carry on."

Five weeks

"We have six full time teachers in each of our two blocks," she continued, "four student teachers and two evangelists. Four teachers have living quarters right in the blocks and are therefore here at all times."

Later we moved across the 'H' of the Block and entered



the newest addition to the Mission's accomplishments, that of a Vocational Training Centre which has only been open for five weeks.

The woman in charge, a fully qualified teacher of tailoring, came forward and explained the function of the new school. Twelve new sewing machines were in active operation to aid some thirty-six students while they learned the art of tailoring.

A visit to the second rooftop school, this time in 'K' Block, had again an enthusiastic reception and an eagerness by both

the teachers and pupils to show us around and explain their work.

Back out into the resettlement streets and playgrounds where more children and adults called out cheerful 'hallos' to Mrs. Donnithorne.

Several times along the way we were stopped by local people who knew her well. In every case she had time to stop and return the greeting. A word of advice here, a word of encouragement there, and a helpful hint to a woman with a tiny baby.

An old, withered woman stopped to exchange a few words in Chinese. "That old lady," said Mrs. Donnithorne, "is 85 years old and has no one to care for her. A perfect example of why we are hoping

to be able to open an old people's home some day.

"The need is very great, as you can see," she added. A third visit found us at a milk bar run by the Church World Service where we saw how 1400 cups of milk are distributed daily to children under 13 years of age.

"Rewarding?" she said, in answer to my query. "I should say it is! These children are more than anxious for every bit of education they can get."

"Look in here a minute and you'll see what I mean," said Mrs. Donnithorne, indicating a small room in one of the buildings. There sat a youngster about nine years old studiously making characters in his notebook with a newly sharpened pencil.

The Brunt

When I remarked on how well known and well received she was everywhere we went, Mrs. Donnithorne replied, "we come to visit to encourage and even to plead with a parent to allow a child a little longer in school, but it is the Chinese workers who are here all day to care for her. A perfect example of why we are hoping

work."

Improving

"That's not by any means an unusual sight," said she. "They'll work under any conditions if it means a little more schooling."

"It's improving," she added hopefully. "It's improving."

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Slump-A-Long's Accident

—He Fell Into A Big, Deep Mud Hole—

By MAX TRELL

KNAFT, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, was sitting under a daisy with his friend Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, when they heard footsteps. It was Hiawatha, the Small, Sweet Wooden Indian. He came riding up on the back of a tall, wobbly, Daddy Longlegs named Slump-a-Long.

Knaft and Teddy immediately noticed that Slump-a-Long, the Daddy Longlegs, was dripping wet.

"He fell in a hole," Hiawatha explained. "I just saved his life!"

Wanted To Hear

Knaft and Teddy wanted to hear all about this, so Hiawatha let Slump-a-Long stand in a spot of sunlight to dry himself while he told Knaft and Teddy the story of how he had saved Slump-a-Long's life.

"This is what happened," said Hiawatha. "I was walking down near the pond a little while ago when I heard someone shouting: 'Help! Help!'

"I recognised Slump-a-Long. His voice was coming from the

bottom of a big, deep mud hole where the trees used to grow about a year ago. 'Save me! Save me!' Slump-a-Long was shouting.

Throw Him A Twig

"I looked down into the hole. It was all filled with mud and water. Slump-a-Long was bobbing up and down. I thought he was going to drown. So I threw down a piece of twig for him to hold on to while I figured how to get him out of the hole."

"Couldn't he climb out, Hiawatha?" asked Knaft.

"No, the hole was too deep," replied Hiawatha. "And, anyway, he was too tired to climb up the side of the hole."

"I know what you could have done to get him out," said Teddy.

"What?" asked Hiawatha.

"Throw down a rope," said Teddy.

Hiawatha gave his friend Teddy a hard look.

"Rope!" he exclaimed. "Where could I get rope?"

"Oh, I forgot," said Teddy. "What did you do, Hiawatha? Hurry up and tell us the rest of the story," said Knaft.

Needed A Bowl

"Well," said Hiawatha, "I just sat down and began thinking. I thought maybe if I could get a big bowl, I could dip all the water out of that hole. But, just then, a Sparrow came along. 'Sparrow!' I said, 'how can I get that Daddy Longlegs out of this deep mud hole?'

"I know how you can get him out," said Sparrow. "All you need is a lot of stones."

"Stones?" I asked. "How can I get him out with a lot of stones?"

"Get the stones," said Sparrow, "and let them fall into the mud hole. Pretty soon you'll see that there won't be any hole."

Rupert and the Carved Stick—36



As he stands Edward on the stump of the other oak the gentleman quietly repeats the message from the stick. "Oak to oak shall give the silver line and highest rock the point." Well, here's the line from oak to oak. The end of the message must mean that the



highest rock on that line marks the point where the silver is to be found. But there isn't any high rock at all. Only grass and smallish stones and trees beyond. As he stares in disappointment there is a sudden loud thump from Rupert.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

BORN today, you men and women differ somewhat in the outward expression of your basic characteristics. You have dramatic talent and probably have the speaking and singing voices of women, rather more emotional than the stern, sex, will be more likely to seek a professional career; you men will be more likely to use your talents for expressive expression in public affairs. You have the making of a statesman if you have the energy in that direction.

Both sexes enjoy company and are likely to adapt socially, and your home is likely to become the gathering place for everyone in your neighborhood. You are quick to size up a person at first meeting and are usually accurate in your estimate of a person's character.

Your ambitions are vaulting, but since you are sufficiently thoughtful of others, you would never think of advancing yourself at the expense of someone else. You are calm in the face of a crisis, when people are apt to look to you for help and guidance. Keep your impulsive temper under strict control, for you often do say things in anger which you deeply regret when you have cooled off.

Among those born on this date are: Edward Munch, Norwegian painter and designer; Laura Hope Crews, actress; Frank Sinatra, singer, actor and producer; John Jay, statesman and first Chief Justice of the U.S.; Mimi Lillian Nordica, opera singer.

And what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the correct, pertinent paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Clyde is going through a throwing phase. Do you have some nice soft potholders he can play with?"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—One of these "up-or-go" days when you might just as well postpone important business until later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Don't lose your head and threaten legal action. Much better to solve problems privately.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A misunderstanding with your marital partner could lead to marital relations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Don't be "pushy" about things today. You could antagonize even your dearest friends.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you must be critical of others, at least be constructive in what you say.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—The path of true love may not run at all smoothly today. Be patient and very understanding.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Do any necessary shopping to help out the budget beyond reason.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Make inquiries regarding a new job offered you, but reserve your decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Anticipate a swift industrial advance in a booming period. Take advantage of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Postpone going to the top to seek advice. Solve your own problems efficiently by yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Don't be impatient if your progress on the job is less swift than you had hoped.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—If you have holdings in real estate, anticipate better than average profits from them.

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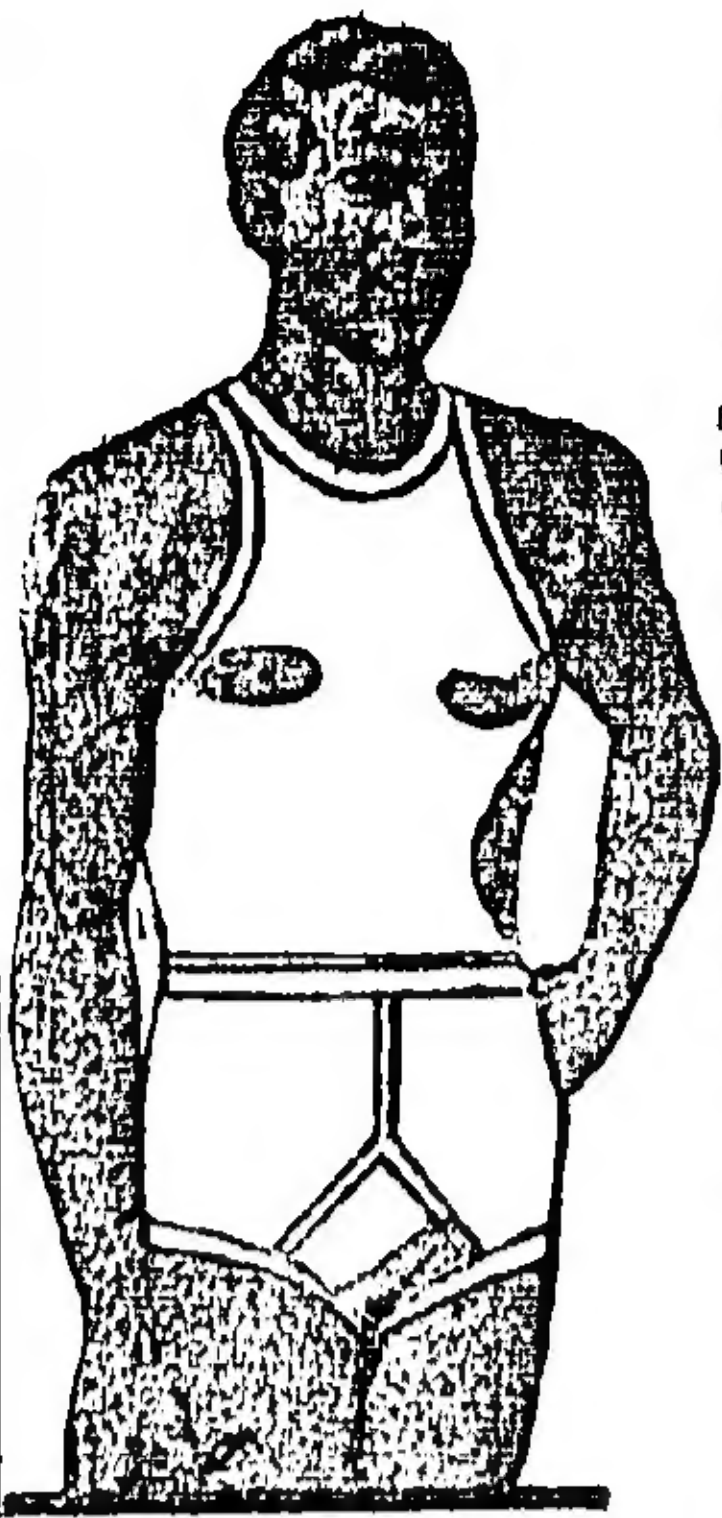
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The First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.
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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, D'Agall Street and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

GUEST BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.
Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (721, 721.1).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members, and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.
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MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th December, 1958 will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

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The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

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Saturday 13th and Saturday 20th December 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon on:—
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Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUND MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.
Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ANNOLD,
Secretary.

HONG KONG, 6th December, 1958.

RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

First Day Of Fifth Meet Tomorrow

Night People Tipped To Win Afternoon's Main Event For Class One Ponies

The first day's events of the two-day Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Race Meeting of the current season will be run off at Happy Valley tomorrow, and the second day's races will be held the following Saturday.
The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race at 2.00 p.m. sharp. An attractive programme of eight events with a satisfactory number of entries in each has been drawn up.

Outstanding event is the Green Park Handicap for Class 1 ponies over the two-mile post. Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Lingfield Park Handicap: Six Furlongs.

The curtain raiser tomorrow will be a race confined to Class 1 ponies with Novice Jockeys as riders.

Silver Dahila (Wong Lay), by virtue of its win in the Leopardstown Handicap (Six Furlongs) at the last meeting with Robert Tsai up, will most assuredly receive strong support. I cannot see any of the entries extending it, as the pony is extremely fit at the moment.

Rebel II (Robert Luk), however, is in the race. It is expected to provide the sternest challenge to Silver Dahila and it will not surprise many to see it come in first.

Free Kick (M. A. C. Roza) and Good Girl (Horace Chan), although improving in their morning gallops, are not likely to cause any worry to the others as far as the first place is concerned.

SECOND RACE

Phoenix Park Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 5 ponies.

Wilson Jones (Winn Shek Ming), the winner of the Stanley Bay Handicap at the Third Race Meeting when it led from the start to finish.

All Gay (K. Kwok), if it doesn't lag behind at the start, should be well in at the finish.

Other notable contenders for honours here are Eunice (Chun Kit), Amusement (T. H. Yau).

FOURTH RACE

Haydock Park Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Class 3 ponies.

In spite of its promotion from Class 4 after winning the Robinson Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at the 2nd Race Meeting, I still fancy the chances of Cheerful (P. Plumby) to win again.

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ON THE SOFTBALL SCENE

SPORTS PERSONALITIES



WONG CHI-KEUNG

He Took Only
Two Years To
Become A Soccer Star



Two short years ago, he was just another soccer player. Today, he is in the words of Mr Chu Kwok-lun, Taiwan's assistant coach to the 3rd Asian Games, "The best outside-right in the Colony."

Such has been the rapid rise to fame of diminutive Wong Chi-keung, who despite his five foot four inch frame is a powerful player with loads of stamina and plenty of guts.

He admires the genius of maestro Matthews, he thinks Colony stalwarts, Yue Cheuk-yin, Ho Cheung-yau and Mok Chun-wah are great players, but he has copied no one.

His one wish is "to play good soccer always," and this perhaps is why he has become such a firm favourite with local enthusiasts of the sport.

Practised Hard

Wong has always been ambitious in his quest for soccer greatness. He practised hard at every opportunity and always hoped that some day he would be able to play for his country. Little did he realise, however, that his dream would one day become a reality.

Wong was born in Hongkong but went to Macau when he was very young. He returned to the Colony two years ago as an employee of the Tai Yip Steamship Company.

During his stay in the Portuguese Colony, he played miniature soccer and though there was very

little competition, his game improved slowly but surely. When he returned to Hongkong he joined the Happy Valley soccer club and started playing second division soccer.

The Big Break

On one particular outing for the Valley team, Wong was noticed by South China skipper Yue Cheuk-yin, who approached him after the game. Persuaded also by his boss, who is a member of Nam Wah, Wong signed up with the Carolines.

When South China's regular outside-right left to play for another team, Wong was picked to fill the vacant berth. It was the big break he had been waiting for and he made full use of it. Needless to say, he impressed the selectors with his dashing tactics and has been in the team ever since.

Match Hero

When the names were listed for players to represent Taiwan during the 3rd Asian Games in Tokyo, Wong's was among them.

He played four games during the tournament and was in the Taiwan XI that met Korea in the final. When this game ended, it was Wong who was the

hero. For with the score tied at 2-2 and extra time almost fully extended, he headed home a brilliant goal to push his team to a 3-2 victory.

The Koreans, Wong told me, were a very good team, playing hard, fast soccer. He still feels, however, that Israel should have won the tourney as they had a team strong in every department of the game.

As far as soccer is concerned locally, Wong feels that South China, "provided they work hard," should take the senior title again this year. If they want to know just how to do this, my advice to them is to follow the example of this little man with a big heart.

CHESS NEWS

by LEONARD BARDEN

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London Express Service

Some Players Simply Cannot Take Praise In The Right Spirit

By "TIME-OUT"

Surely you must have heard it said more than once that too much of a good thing can be bad? Well, it has finally happened at King's Park. I mean the reaction regarding too much praise lavished, merely out of a sense of fairness and in recognition of a job well done, on a hitherto unsung Junior Leaguer.

Two short seasons ago the oft-heard complaint was that Junior softball received too little coverage. But this no longer holds true today and in fact, in my case, my words unwittingly had too strong an effect on one of minor division prima donnas—and here's the story on it.

Recently after receiving a directive from the HKSA to the effect that all teams must wear uniforms during league matches one Junior team turned up properly attired—except for one youngster who could not be persuaded to conform to requirements.

Needless to say he went into a tantrum, was benched and had the humiliation of seeing his side beaten in what should have been an "easy" game for his colleagues. Mind you, all this in full view of the fans seated in the stands, too!

Head In Clouds

It had been painfully apparent for weeks that our temperamental "star" had been walking with his head in the clouds and wearing a softball cap a few sizes too small because of the headlines he received from this column. Well, he should realize that in his case and mine we both have duties to perform, and I to the readers who are entitled to hear of outstanding playing performances that merit mention.

A very unfavourable impression of bad sportsmanship and sheer childishness has already been created by his silly behaviour. Let's hope these words will have the desired effect of detaching his ego because the road to stardom is littered with reputations of softball's "Bad Boys" who have yet to earn the coveted title of "Most Valuable Player."

I take up my pen again in the cause of the Junior league because of what I consider the high-handed attitude of one official of the Association in his handling of a recent request for a postponement of a minor division game just last week.

The request was based on the non-availability of six players who were allegedly engaged in Defence Force duties (now where have I heard this excuse before?) and that should have been good enough for the Association. I say "good enough" because this official had the audacity to ask the team concerned to NAME the players involved!

No Precedent

I can find no precedent for such a request now or in the past decade of softball administration. There is a ruling passed by the Council and duly minuted. But Not Circumvented. To Teams to the effect that at least five players must be un-

available before consideration can be given to granting a postponement but nowhere in the ruling does it say that names must be submitted.

No names were asked for or submitted in the Senior Salma and Braves affair.

In the Cheyennes and Navy one the Cheyennes voluntarily gave in the names of the players as a sign of good faith. Why then must Junior teams claiming exemption be subjected to such officious treatment?

Obnoxious Practice
There is no call for the Association to view the request with suspicion in this particular case because frankly there were a few others which should have merited investigation. Incidentally the request was denied but I ask you how many teams can PROVE they have any real grounds to claim postponements because of so-called Defence Force annual camps or Sunday field exercises?

You'd be shocked at the obnoxious practice (of resorting to the glorious name of our various Services) that has been going on for years now whenever certain teams wish to postpone matches because of the absence of just one or sometimes two players. It's an open secret which causes much amusement among the more knowledgeable followers of the sport!

Another punch on the jaw for the Association now.

After their incompetent handling of the "umpire's judgment" piece, in the Pandas-Seminoles Senior game, a fact not denied by the Association, we now have the unprecedented step of having a team play off the last inning of a league match after it had been officially called off in the sixth.

The Seminoles' manager Ed Carvalho must be complimented on his very sporting gesture to complete the game at the end of the second round Seminoles versus Pandas game in February 1959. However, the Council have now opened the door to other teams to follow suit when the starting time of an afternoon game is delayed because of preceding matches getting off 45 or 50 minutes late.

What Now?

The various teams' attitude will now be "Why must our game be called off in the 6th or 8th inning? It's not our fault, if we start late. We will protest against the ump's decision and complete the game later!"

And on this firm stand can the Association reject future protests? The Seminoles and Pandas were given the go-ahead so now what...?

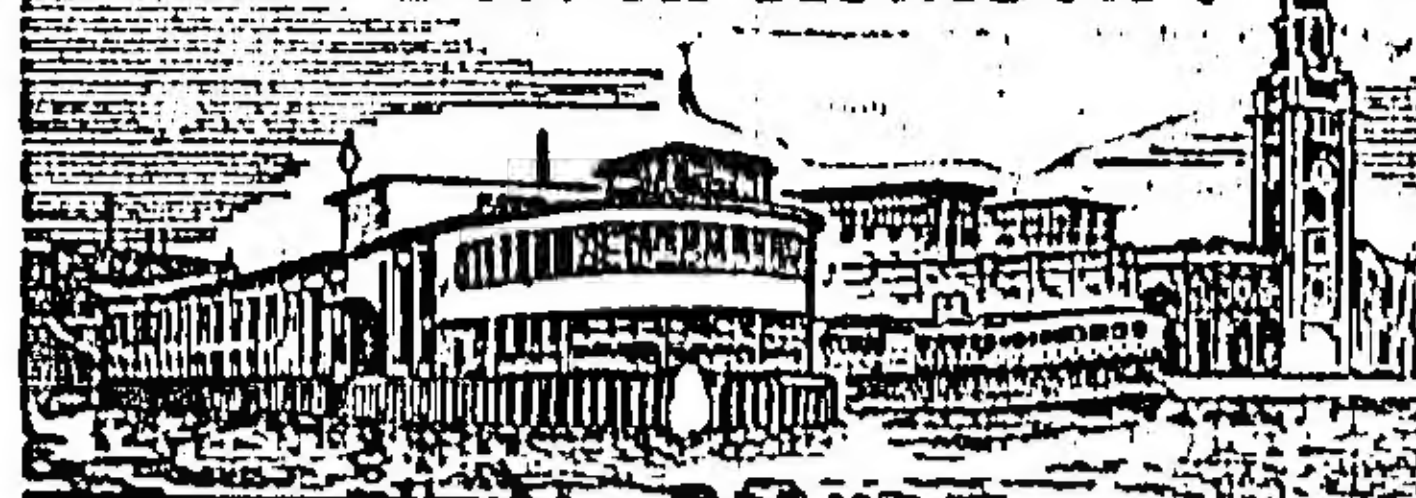
Now for the weekend games. Easy wins are predicted for the Cardinals and Cheyennes tomorrow afternoon against the Austers and Comets respectively.

The 9.30 a.m. Sunday game between the Hurricanes and the Matadors should be a one-sided affair with the former trampling all over the opposition.

The University Juniors should notch up their second win at the expense of the Overseas at 2.00 p.m. while in the last game of the day the two giants of the Senior league will clash.

Fans should be out in full force to see the Cheyennes dash against the Braves. Either side could win but I'd tip the more experienced Braves to emerge victorious because of an edge in the batting department. There shouldn't be more than a trio of runs separating the teams at the end of the seventh—it's going to be that tight a game!

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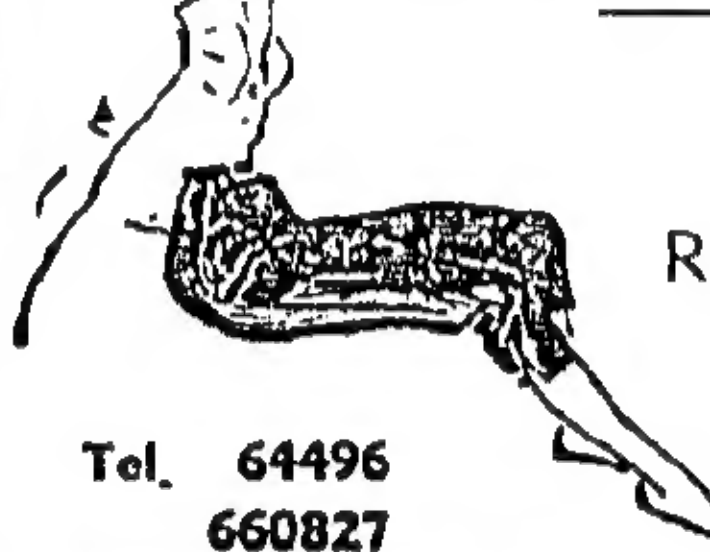
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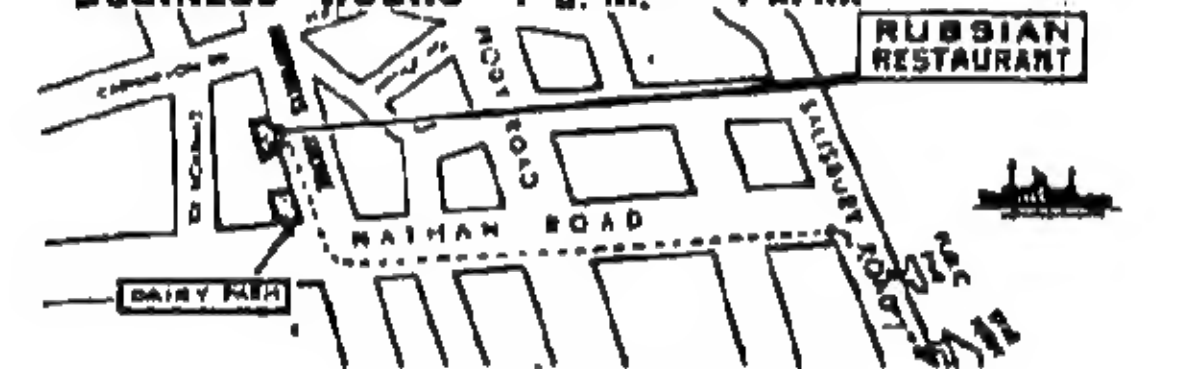
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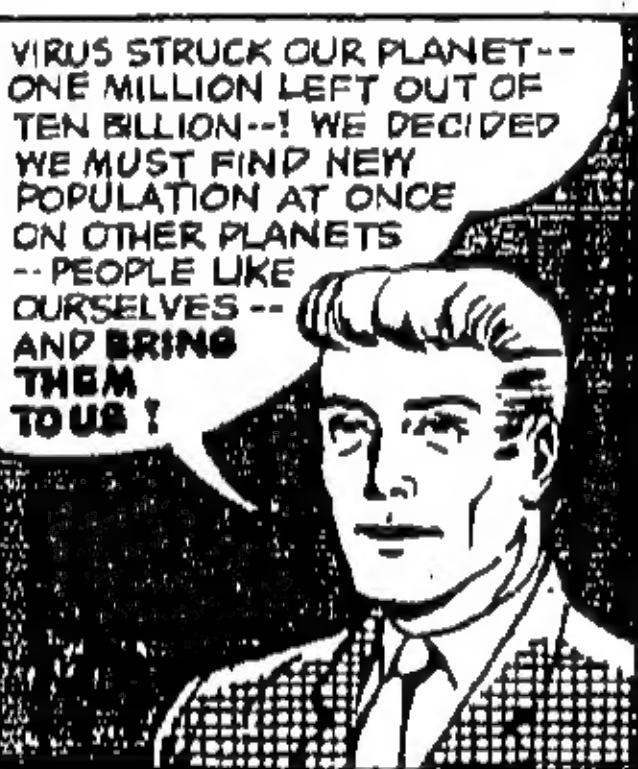
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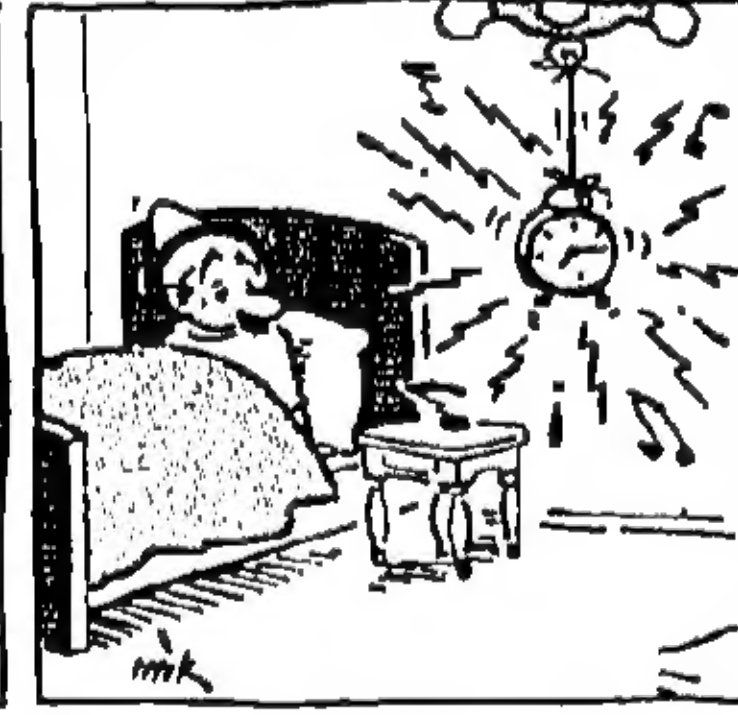
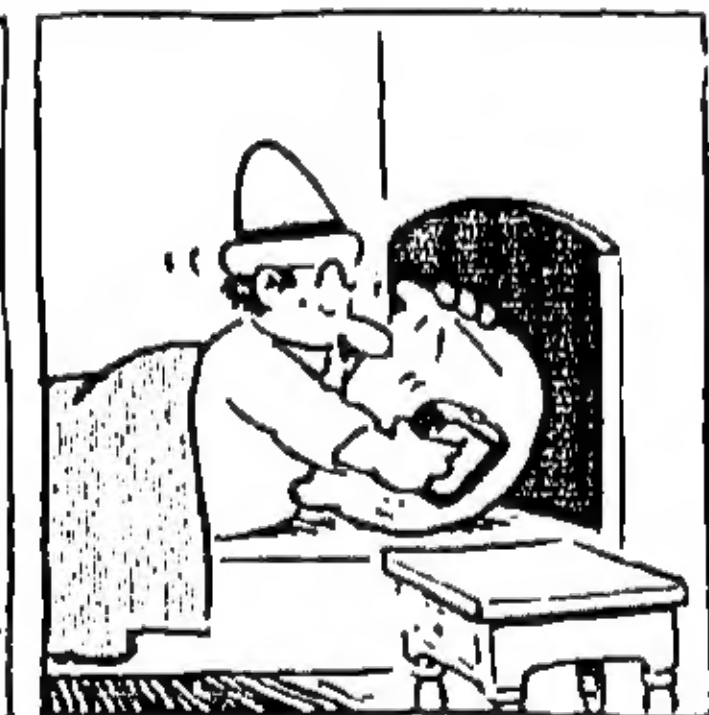
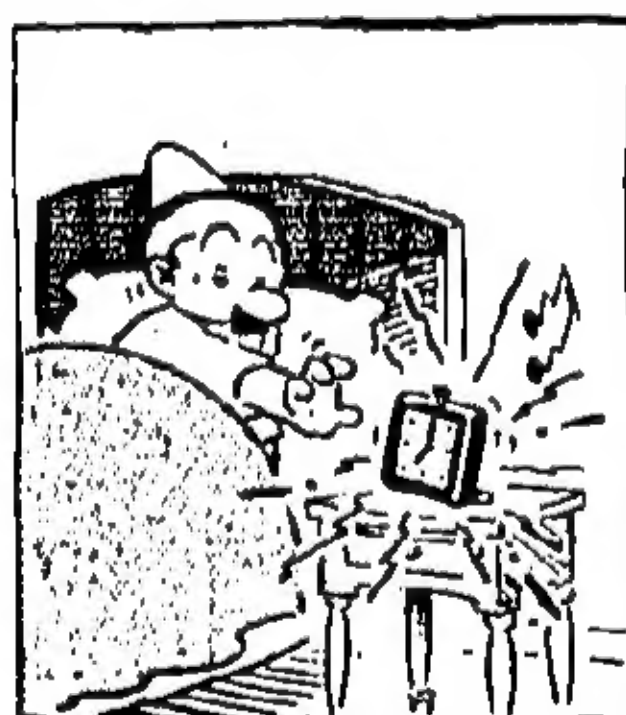
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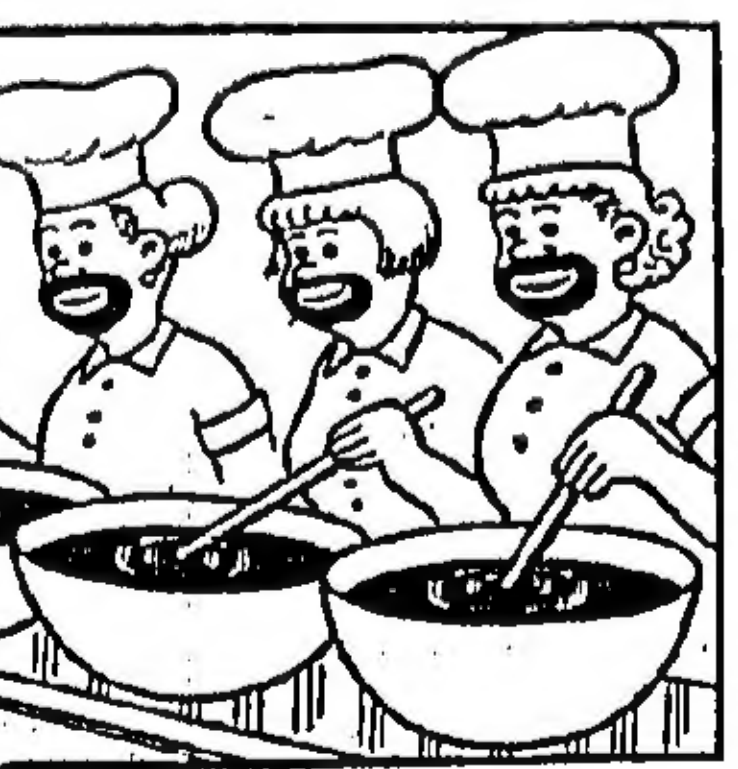
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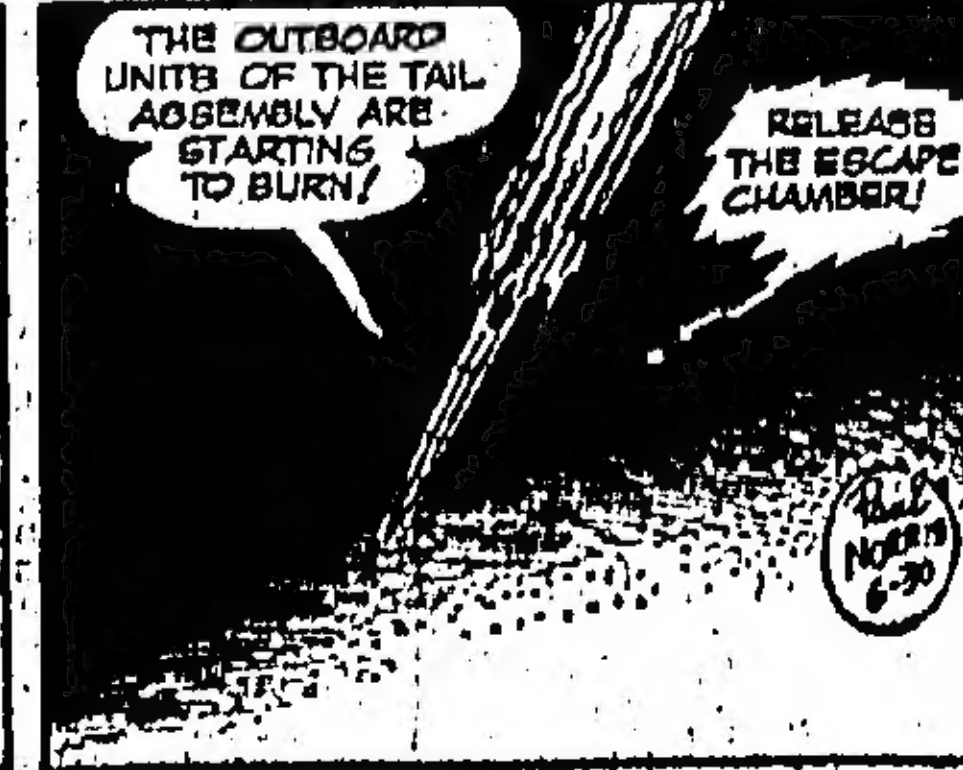
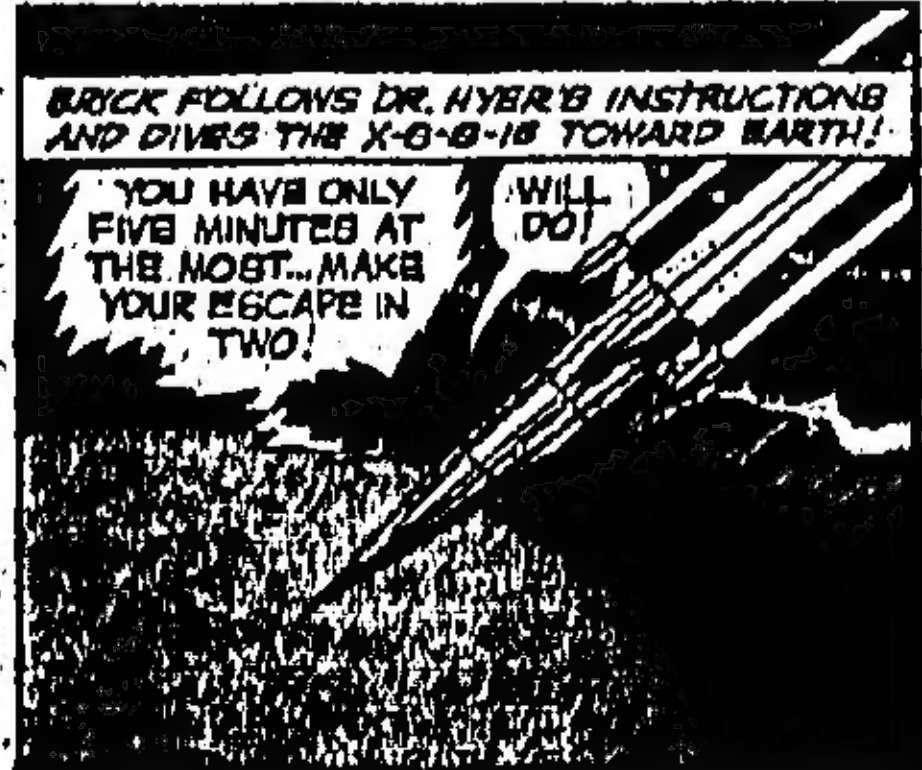


Table-Tennis Champions Married

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
The Japanese international table-tennis player, Mr. Yoshio Tomita, today married the present women's world champion, Miss Fujio Eguchi, in Tokyo.
Mr. Tomita was a member of Japanese team to the world championships that won the men's doubles title in 1956.

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\$15 Million Japanese Bond Treasure Found

San Francisco, Dec. 11.
The State of California today uncovered a "hidden treasure" of Imperial Japanese Government bonds that may be worth \$15 million.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The Government Gazette today announced the following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings:

Mr. Gratton James Bentley, to be Land Surveyor, Public Works Department on probation.

Mr. C. T. F. McDonald, Chief Officer, Prison Department, to be Acting Superintendent of Prisons during the absence of Mr. L. Blumenthal.

Mr. G. C. Hamilton, Cadet Officer, Class I, to be Deputy Colonial Secretary on resumption of duty by Mr. E. B. Treddale.

Mr. C. G. Smith ceased to act as Administrator of Japanese Property upon the return of Mr. S. S. Gordon.

Mr. A. J. Grayley to be an Inspector of Schools.

Mr. Richard Kwan Kwok-chung to be an Assistant Registrar.

Mr. Chan Ki-sum ceased to be an Assistant Registrar.

P. O. J. W. Ferris to be Flight Lieutenant in the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force.

To Be Struck Off

Three companies, the Morris Trading Co., Ltd., the Victoria Hotel, Ltd., and the Wan Cheong Co., Ltd., will be struck off the register and the companies dissolved three months hence, unless notice is shown to the contrary. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Mystery Sack

Mr. Burkett's probe traced the bonds back to July, 1941, when they were shipped from the New York branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd. to the San Francisco branch.

He told how they came into the hands of State banking agents in 1941 after a desperate attempt by the Japanese to smuggle them out of the country.

At the time, the Japanese liner Tanaka Maru was standing outside the Golden Gate. Letters and telegrams found later in the bank's set of files indicated the bonds were to be smuggled aboard the vessel.

The bonds were seized and deposited with the American Trust Co.

The bonds have a total par value of \$9,021,100. Actual interest would make their present worth higher.

In order to become negotiable, they must be "revalidated" by the Japanese government, Mr. Burkett said. But similar pre-war securities have been honoured recently.—U.P.I.

Children Waiting At Front Gate

Toddlers were waiting at the front gate of the Fanning Bables' Home to welcome Dr. A. Poling, Director and Founder of the Christian Children's Fund Inc., when he arrived there this morning.

Dr. Poling, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Nash, was welcomed by Miss L. T. Clay, Superintendent of the Home, who with the children escorted the visitors on a tour of the house and playground.

In the nurseries Dr. Poling saw four-day-old infants, delicate babies, and lusty ones too. More than 20 boys and girls in the school and 15 kindergarten children sang songs and entertained Dr. Poling who later went to the Faith Love Orphanage which is sponsored by the Christian Herald.

Supreme Court Holiday Hours

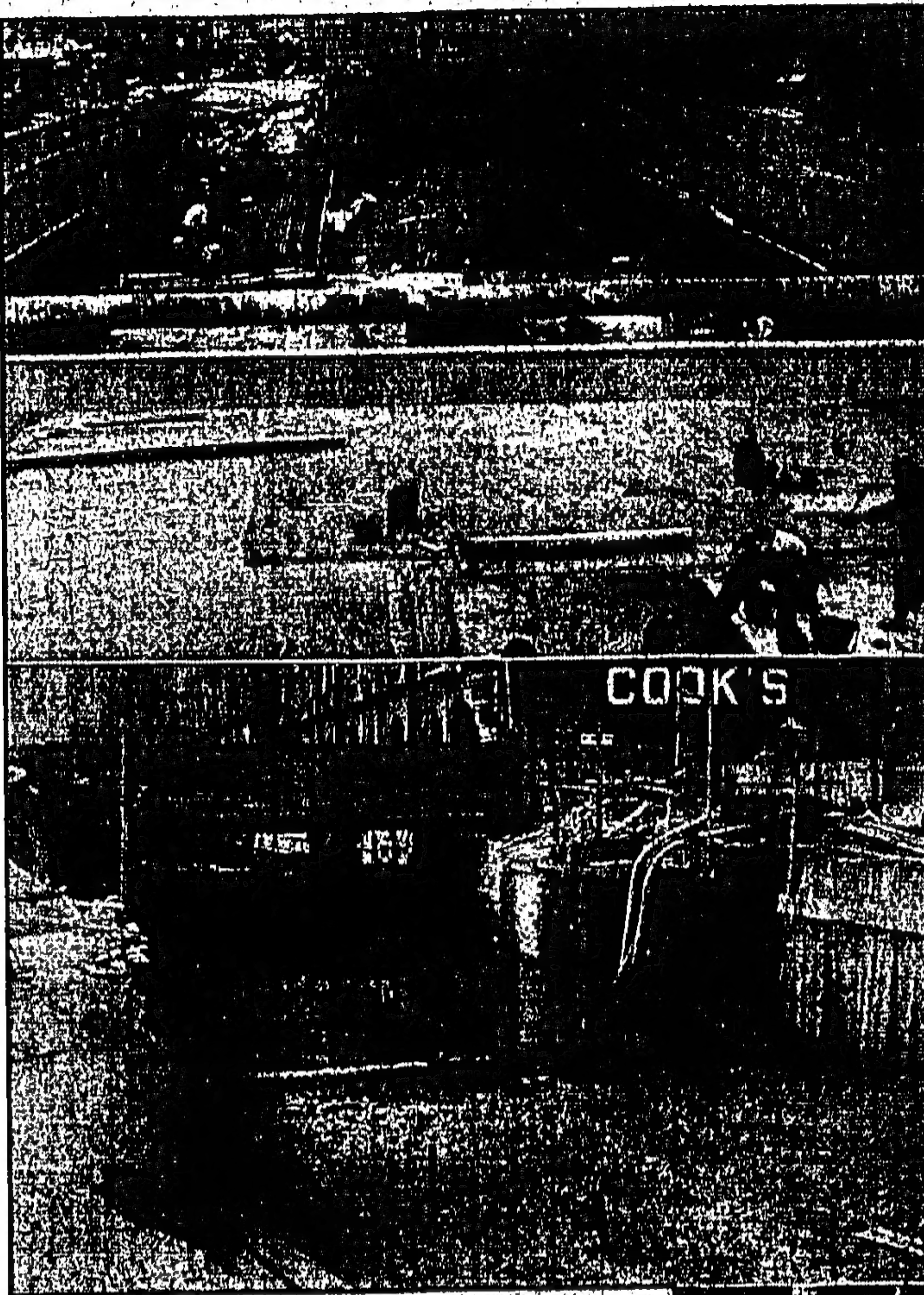
It was announced in the Government Gazette today that the offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas vacation.

The Christmas vacation begins on December 24, and ends on January 3.

Watch Stolen

A wrist watch, worth about \$500, was stolen yesterday morning from the fourth floor flat of No. 5, Lam Fong Road, Causeway Bay.

Connaught Road Subway



Seepage is causing difficulties in the building of the Connaught Road subway. As the top picture shows, work on the Chater Road side of the subway is well under way. But as the lower picture shows, the Star Ferry side looks more like a beach. This is a "low tide" photo. Our reporter states that at other times of the day the water level is higher. The lower picture shows the water being pumped out.—China Mail Photo.

Another Big Primary School For Kowloon

A new Government primary school, with accommodation for more than 2,000 pupils in two sessions, will be built in Sycamore Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon.

The school building will be of four storeys and have 24 classrooms, six on each floor. There will also be rooms for handicraft work, domestic science and general purposes.

Other facilities include a large assembly hall, a stage, a basketball court, and playgrounds, one of them on the roof.

Tenders for the construction of the school building are called for in today's Government Gazette. Work is expected to begin towards the end of this month and take about seven months to complete.

Government Agricultural Station On Lamma

A Government agricultural station will soon be built on Lamma Island to provide closer supervision in the production of crops and the raising of livestock.

The station will be used for the demonstration of sample crops and for the instruction of farmers in modern methods.

It will be established on about ten acres of Crown land and will cater for an area including Hongkong, Cheung Chau, Hay Ling Chau and Ping Chau islands.

The agricultural station will have an administration building and quarters for an officer-in-charge and other staff members as well as store-rooms.

Construction work on the buildings will begin early next year and the entire station is expected to be completed in about a year's time. Tenders for the work are called for in today's Government Gazette.

Singapore Professor Still Angry

Professor Fan Kie who was refused an extension of stay by the Singapore Immigration authorities without explanation arrived in the Dutch liner Tjiluwah this morning.

"What a disgrace! A thing like this happening in the Nanyang University, one of the biggest universities in the Far East," the 58-year-old professor said, this morning.

The Professor who is a permanent member of the staff of the Normal University, Taipei, and was Dean of the Department of Education, leaves for Formosa on Sunday.

KOWLOON DRAINAGE OFFICE TO COME DOWN

The building in Waterloo Road, Kowloon, hitherto used by the Drainage Office, is to be demolished and the site cleared for re-development purposes.

With the demolition of the single-storey building, the Drainage Office will remove to the District Branch Office building in Farm Road, Kowloon.

Today's Government Gazette calls for tenders for the demolition and site clearance of the old Waterloo Road Drainage Office.

Boy Knocked Down By Car

A nine-year-old boy, Yue Ban-woo, of No. 102, Hollywood Road, fourth floor, was knocked down and injured by a private car in Caine Road, near Shelley Street, yesterday. The lad was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Four Detained

Four men were detained yesterday following pocket-picking and snatching offences in various parts of the Colony.

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EXHIBITION FIRES NO SUSPICION OF SABOTAGE

A spokesman for the Chinese Manufacturers Association said this morning there was no suspicion of sabotage, with respect to the fire which broke out two minutes after the Hong-kong Products Exhibition was re-opened yesterday evening.

This is the third fire to have occurred since the Exhibition opened on December 4.

"Nothing of this nature has been brought to the surface," the spokesman added.

Last night he said the wiring was tested still by stall and it is hoped the exhibition will be opened to the public again today.

Police have been watching the area ever since the exhibition opened, he said.

New Service Reservoir For Tsimshatsui

A new service reservoir, with a capacity of six million gallons, will be constructed at King's Park.

The service reservoir will serve the Tsimshatsui area and will help to increase water pressure there. It will also be used in the future development of the Hongkong reclamation project.

Construction work on the service reservoir, which will have a 240-foot top water level, will begin towards the middle of next month and will be ready for use in two years' time.

GAOLED ON DRUG COUNTS

Leung Wing-tin, 47-year-old junkman, found guilty of possessing and importing a large quantity of dangerous drugs, was sentenced to a total of one year and three months' gaol by Mr. Derek Coss at Central Magistracy this morning.

A party of detectives seized one pound 11 ounces of raw opium and five pounds of heroin on board a deserted fishing junk at a bay near Shekwan on October 23.

The defendant was later arrested among the rocks on the shore. He denied knowledge of the drugs but admitted he was the junkman.

Church Licensed For Marriages

The new Tsimshatsui Baptist Church building at 31, Cameron Road, Kowloon, has been licensed by H.E. the Government to be a place for the celebration of marriages.

The licence for the old building at 38-40 Hillwood Road, has been cancelled.

Shirts Stolen

Three shirts, valued at \$72, were stolen from a private car parked outside the United Services Recreation Club, King's Park yesterday afternoon.

FOUR HURT IN EXERCISE

Names Released

Four members of the Hongkong Regiment were injured during a training exercise in the New Territories and are at present undergoing treatment at the Kowloon Hospital, the Army PRO announced this morning.

The Hongkong PRO gave the names of the injured as L/Cpl Woo Ho-yip (No. 18090379), of Defence Platoon; Pte Ng Man-wai (18095119), of 'B' Company; Pte Wong Ming (18095155), of 'B' Company; and Pte R. Robertson (18096298), of the Signals Platoon.

The four injured were involved in incidents with two Comet tanks of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment who were called in to give demonstrations during the exercise.

The Army PRO said that military authorities were at present investigating the cause of the mishaps and said it was highly probable that a board of inquiry will be held.

The men are not seriously injured. It was stated, and their condition is reported to be highly satisfactory.

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